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Production of
ICE CREAM
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RELATED FROZEN PRODUCTS
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ICE CREAM PRODUCTION

Ice cream production in the United States in April, estimated at 53,050,000 gallons, was 8 percent smaller than in April 1960 and 1 percent less than the 1955-59 average for the month, the Crop Reporting Board reports. The January-April total this year was 201,310,000 gallons: 1 percent smaller than a year earlier, but 8 percent larger than the 5-year average for the period.

Compared with the previous month, April production dropped 9 percent. This contrasts with a gain of 7 percent from March to April last year and the 1955-59 average seasonal increase of also 7 percent. Temperatures during April averaged below normal in most of the country except Maine and an area in the far Southwest extending from western Texas to the Pacific and including most of the California coast.

Compared with April last year, ice cream production was smaller in all regions of the country except the Pacific, where it was about the same. Decreases varied from 2 percent in the West North Central States to 14 percent in the South Atlantic. Production was 10 percent less in the North Atlantic States. Output was down 10 percent in New York, 13 percent in Pennsylvania, and 2 percent in California. Other regional decreases were 13 percent in the South Central States and 7 percent in both the East North Central and the Mountain. All important-producing states showed decreases except Wisconsin, Minnesota, Washington, Oregon, and the Dakotas.

Compared with the 1955-59 average for April, production was larger in all regions except the North Atlantic, where it was 6 percent less, and the South Central, where it was 8 percent smaller. Output was 1 percent more in both the South Atlantic States and the East North Central. Production was up 4 percent in the West North Central States and 5 percent in the Mountain. A 10-percent increase was shown in the Pacific States. In the three leading ice cream-producing states, output was up 9 percent in California, but was down 1 percent in New York and 15 percent in Pennsylvania.

PRODUCTION OF ICE CREAM, UNITED STATES, 1961

MONTH	1955-59 Average 1/	1959 1/	ESTIMATED		CHANGE FROM:	
			1960	1961	1955-59 Av.	1960
			Thousand Gallons		Percent	
January	40,897	42,611	44,230	44,310	+ 8	0
February	41,651	44,366	47,295	45,735	+ 10	- 3
March	49,675	53,165	54,040	58,215	+ 17	+ 8
April	53,345	56,996	57,770	53,050	- 1	- 8
FOUR MONTH TOTAL	185,568	197,138	203,335	201,310	+ 8	- 1

1/From enumerations.

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STATE AND GEOGRAPHIC DIVISION	5-YEAR APRIL AVERAGE 1955-59 1/	APRIL			PERCENT CHANGE IN APRIL 1961 PRODUCTION FROM:	
		1959 1/	ESTIMATED		5-YEAR AVERAGE	APR. 1960
			1960	1961		
		Thousand Gallons			Percent	
Massachusetts	2,061	2,365	2,210	2,140	+ 4	- 3
Connecticut	692	685	650	595	- 14	- 8
New York	5,624	6,107	6,200	5,550	- 1	- 10
New Jersey	1,437	1,611	1,600	1,460	+ 2	- 9
Pennsylvania	5,837	6,013	5,750	4,990	- 15	- 13
Other N.A. States	801	855	830	805	0	- 3
NO. ATLANTIC STATES	16,452	17,636	17,240	15,540	- 6	- 10
Ohio	3,380	3,663	3,600	3,200	- 5	- 11
Indiana	1,922	2,100	2,200	2,040	+ 6	- 7
Illinois	2,714	2,867	3,100	2,820	+ 4	- 9
Michigan	2,558	2,655	2,740	2,560	0	- 7
Wisconsin	1,656	1,715	1,690	1,780	+ 7	+ 5
E. N. CENTRAL STATES	12,230	13,000	13,330	12,400	+ 1	- 7
Minnesota	1,336	1,415	1,365	1,560	+ 17	+ 14
Iowa	1,023	1,022	970	960	- 6	- 1
Missouri	1,327	1,332	1,360	1,140	- 14	- 16
N. & S. Dakota	347	396	380	395	+ 14	+ 4
Nebraska	593	729	845	830	+ 40	- 2
Kansas	531	519	545	460	- 13	- 16
WEST NO. CENT. STATES	5,157	5,413	5,465	5,345	+ 4	- 2
District of Columbia .	518	644	810	590	+ 14	- 27
Maryland	1,043	1,155	1,170	980	- 6	- 16
Virginia	895	913	995	945	+ 6	- 5
West Virginia	444	475	500	320	- 28	- 36
North Carolina	1,156	1,235	1,305	1,060	- 8	- 19
Georgia	683	756	730	600	- 12	- 18
Florida	1,431	1,596	1,675	1,600	+ 12	- 4
Other S.A. States	486	650	605	630	+ 30	+ 4
SO. ATLANTIC STATES	6,656	7,424	7,790	6,725	+ 1	- 14
Tennessee	1,196	1,297	1,350	1,100	- 8	- 19
Alabama	731	697	840	670	- 8	- 20
Louisiana	731	755	680	590	- 19	- 13
Oklahoma	447	496	550	480	+ 7	- 13
Texas	1,604	1,501	1,640	1,580	- 1	- 4
Other S.C. States	944	929	885	770	- 18	- 13
SO. CENTRAL STATES	5,653	5,675	5,945	5,190	- 8	- 13
Colorado	515	572	595	560	+ 9	- 6
Other Mt. States	1,177	1,295	1,320	1,225	+ 4	- 7
MOUNTAIN STATES	1,692	1,867	1,915	1,785	+ 5	- 7
Washington	876	926	970	1,030	+ 18	+ 6
Oregon	469	472	475	485	+ 3	+ 2
California	4,160	4,583	4,640	4,550	+ 9	- 2
PACIFIC STATES	5,505	5,981	6,085	6,065	+ 10	0
UNITED STATES	53,345	56,996	57,770	53,050	- 1	- 8

1/From enumerations.

ICE MILK PRODUCTION

Ice milk production in the United States during April totaled 10,830,000 gallons, according to the Crop Reporting Board. This was 10 percent less than in April 1960, although 16 percent more than the 5-year, 1955-59 average for the month. Inclement weather in April retarded production advances in many sections of the country. Output gained only 10 percent between March and April this year, in contrast to 34 percent in 1960 and 30 percent in the 1955-59 period.

Cumulative production the first four months of this year, totaling 34,460,000 gallons, was 1 percent more than in 1960 and 32 percent greater than the 1955-59 average for the period.

Compared with April 1960, ice milk production decreased in all regions. The losses were moderate in the North Atlantic, South Atlantic, and Western States. Output was off sharply in the remainder of the country.

PRODUCTION OF ICE MILK, UNITED STATES, 1961

MONTH	1955-59 Average 1/	1959 1/	ESTIMATED		CHANGE FROM:	
			1960	1961	1955-59 Av.	1960
			Thousand Gallons		Percent	
January	4,637	5,542	6,255	6,700	+ 44	+ 7
February	4,958	6,129	6,910	7,060	+ 42	+ 2
March	7,221	8,926	9,030	9,870	+ 37	+ 9
April	9,358	11,196	12,085	10,830	+ 16	-10
FOUR MONTH TOTAL	26,174	31,793	34,280	34,460	+ 32	+ 1

1/From enumerations.

SHERBET PRODUCTION

U.S. production of sherbet during April was estimated at 3,140,000 gallons - 10 percent less than in April 1960, but 1 percent more than the 1955-59 average for the month. Output the first four months of this year was about the same as that of the corresponding period in 1960, but was 16 percent greater than the 5-year average.

Production gained only 8 percent from March to April this year, compared with 30 percent last year and 29 percent on the average in the preceding 5-year period. Seasonal gains occurred in all regions except the West.

Output decreased from April 1960 in all sections of the country. Production was off sharply in the East North Central and the South Central Regions, while it was off moderately in the remainder of the country.

PRODUCTION OF SHERBET, UNITED STATES, 1961

MONTH	1955-59 Average 1/	1959 1/	ESTIMATED		CHANGE FROM:	
			1960	1961	1955-59 Av.	1960
			Thousand Gallons		Percent	
January	1,596	1,696	1,840	1,995	+ 25	+ 8
February	1,670	1,853	2,090	2,090	+ 25	0
March	2,396	2,621	2,690	2,905	+ 21	+ 8
April	3,102	3,366	3,505	3,140	+ 1	-10
FOUR MONTH TOTAL	8,764	9,536	10,125	10,130	+ 16	0

1/From enumerations.

"MELLORINE-TYPE" FROZEN DESSERTS PRODUCTION

United States production of Mellorine and other frozen desserts made with fats and oils other than milkfat was estimated at 4,110,000 gallons in April, according to the Crop Reporting Board. This was 5 percent more than in April 1960 and 33 percent greater than the 1955-59 average for the month. Total production the first four months of this year was 11 percent larger than in the corresponding period last year and 41 percent greater than the 1955-59 average.

Compared with April 1960, production was less in Texas, Oklahoma, Arkansas, and Illinois. Output was unchanged in Missouri. Increases were shown in all other important Mellorine-producing states.

Mellorine production increased 2 percent from March to April this year, compared with 15 percent between these months in 1960 and 10 percent on the average in the 1955-59 period. Seasonal decreases occurred in Missouri, Arkansas, and Alabama. Production increased in all other important-producing states.

PRODUCTION OF "MELLORINE-TYPE" FROZEN DESSERTS, UNITED STATES, 1961

MONTH	1955-59 Average 1/	1959 1/	ESTIMATED		CHANGE FROM:	
			1960	1961	1955-59 Av.	1960
		Thousand Gallons			Percent	
January	2,016	2,273	2,595	2,900	+ 44	+ 12
February	2,192	2,464	2,920	3,205	+ 46	+ 10
March	2,810	3,360	3,400	4,040	+ 44	+ 19
April	3,079	3,618	3,915	4,110	+ 33	+ 5
FOUR MONTH TOTAL	10,097	11,715	12,830	14,255	+ 41	+ 11

1/From enumerations.

WATER ICE PRODUCTION

Production of water ices in the United States in April estimated at 2,690,000 gallons, was 24 percent less than in April 1960 and was 8 percent smaller than the 1955-59 average for the month. Total output in the first four months of this year was 8 percent less than that of the corresponding period last year, but was 7 percent more than the January-April average in the 5-year period. Production increased 32 percent from March. Seasonal gains occurred in all regions.

Compared with April 1960, moderate to sharp decreases were shown in all regions. Increases from March occurred in all regions.

PRODUCTION OF WATER ICES, UNITED STATES, 1961

MONTH	1955-59 Average 1/	1959 1/	ESTIMATED		CHANGE FROM:	
			1960	1961	1955-59 Av.	1960
		Thousand Gallons			Percent	
January	636	735	705	705	+ 11	0
February	774	923	945	1,035	+ 34	+ 10
March	1,712	1,992	1,830	2,045	+ 19	+ 12
April	2,913	3,597	3,530	2,690	- 8	- 24
FOUR MONTH TOTAL	6,035	7,247	7,010	6,475	+ 7	- 8

1/From enumerations.